



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Proposal by the State of California to Acquire Property in Humboldt County

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will hold a public hearing on its proposal to acquire 248± acres of land in Humboldt County. 160 acres would be added to Humboldt Lagoons State Park and 88 acres would be added to Humboldt Redwoods State Park. **The hearing will be held Thursday, February 21, in the Warfinger Building Great Room at the Eureka Public Marina, 1 Marina Way, Eureka, beginning at 7 P.M.** Off-street parking is available, and the hearing room is accessible to people with disabilities.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the hearing is to record comments from local public officials and the general public about the proposal. DPR will then submit a summary of the comments to the State Legislature no later than 30 days prior to acquisition approval. The hearing is required by state law (Public Resources Code, Sec. 5006.1.) Comments at the hearing will be limited to acquisition issues.

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** These proposed acquisitions transfer land owned by Save-the-Redwoods League to existing state parks. The proposal includes two separate properties: 160± acres will be added to Humboldt Lagoons State Park near Stone Lagoon, and 88± acres will be added to Humboldt Redwoods State Park near Miranda (see attached map.)

The Stone Lagoon property is mostly forested with young stands of Sitka spruce as well as scattered redwood, Douglas fir and Western hemlock. Most of the forest on the Stone Lagoon property was cut 30 to 40 years ago. The Miranda parcel is forested by hardwoods and a mix of old- and second-growth redwood and Douglas fir. Marbled murrelets, northern spotted owls, and red tree voles are expected to be found on the property. There are no improvements on either property except two private roads cross the Miranda property. Funding for these acquisitions will come from the Department of Parks and Recreation with a 50% donation by the property owner, Save-the-Redwoods League, a private, non-profit organization.

**COMMENTS:** DPR staff will give a background presentation before opening the podium for comments. DPR will also accept written comments for the record if received by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Please submit written comments at the hearing or send them to Warren Westrup, Chief, Office of Acquisition and Real Property Services, California Department of Parks and Recreation, 1 Capitol Mall, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814. E-mailed comments should be sent to Roger Willmarth at [rwillm@parks.ca.gov](mailto:rwillm@parks.ca.gov).

For information about the proposal, please call Roger Willmarth at (916) 445-9099, or check the DPR website at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov) under News and Announcements/News Releases 2002.

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